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--OBJECTS AND SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 4, between lines 5 and 6, please insert the following heading:

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--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

and between lines 30 and 31, please insert the following heading:

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--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1/(Amended) Means for holding two pieces in position that are to be moved towards each other along at least two extreme coplanar docking directions (D1, D2) that form a docking angle (β) between them, the position-holding means comprising firstly at least a male and a female V (19, 20) each provided with means for fixing to a respective one of the pieces so that each V is centered substantially on a direction parallel to the bisector of the docking angle, the female V possessing an inlet portion (20.1) having an aperture angle (α_1 , α) not less than the docking angle, and secondly means (23, 24) for pressing the male V against the female V along said bisector.